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SUBJECT: TEXT OF GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN USG AND ICRC

REF: (A) GENEVA 5495; (B) SAIGON 16620

1. REGARDING PARA 2 A OF REFTEL, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD TELL ICRC/IOG THAT, WHILE THEORETICALLY IT WOULD BE ADMISSIBLE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID DIRECTLY TO NEEDY PERSONS IN COMMUNIST AREAS OF SVN (I.E., WITHOUT CHANNELING IT THROUGH DRV OR "PRG"), IN FACT THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT PERMIT THIS. PLEASE ALSO EXPLAIN TO ICRC/IOG THAT THE GVN POSITION, WHICH WE OF COURSE SUPPORT, IS THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS COMMUNIST LIVE UP TO TERMS OF PARIS AGREEMENT AND NEGOTIATE A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, IT WILL NOT PERMIT THE ICRC/IOG TO SHIP AID TO COMMUNIST- CONTROLLED AREAS THROUGH SOUTH VIETNAM, AS THIS WOULD IMPLY A SECOND GOVERNMENT IN SVN AND A SECOND VIETNAMESE RED CROSS SOCIETY. THE GVN VIEW (AND OURS) IS THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE SOUTH VIETNAM GOVERNMENT, THE GVN, AND ONE RED CROSS ORGANIZATION, THE RED CROSS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM WITH

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HEADQUARTERS IN SAIGON; AND THE HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY OF THE

RED CROSS OF THE RVN EXTENDS TO ALL SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY (REF B).

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND SECTION 3(B) OF GRANT AGREEMENT, IT WOULD RULE OUT USE OF U.S. FUNDS TO REPLACE OTHER ASSISTANCE NOW BEING EXTENDED BY ICRC/IOG. IN OTHER WORDS, TOTAL ICRC/IOG ASSISTANCE TO INDOCHINA MUST BE INCREASED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE U.S. GRANT. SO LONG AS THIS PRINCIPLE IS OBSERVED, WE SEE NO REASON WHY U.S. FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PREPARED AND COSTED TO MEET REQUESTS BY THE GVN RED CROSS.

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